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SILVER BAY.

Silver Bay Conference Meetings.

Although there are many in college who are already acquainted with the object of the Silver Bay Conference, there may be some who do not know that it is a Christian Association movement under the auspices of the American Committee, working through national, state, and local secretaries. This year there were seven hundred and fifty-six present at the conference, students from both colleges and preparatory schools in the East. We were very much pleased that our own delegation numbered fifty-three—a much larger representation than in previous years.

One of the most wonderful things about the conference is that through the various kinds of meetings we are able to obtain such a comprehensive idea of the whole Christian Association work and at the same time get such very definite points about more specific branches. The student session which preceded the large morning assembly provided a splendid opportunity for solving any problems which may have arisen in the committee work or for giving new suggestions. This session was in charge of student secretaries, and each day the work of a different committee was considered. Girls from various colleges gave brief accounts of the work in their respective Associations. After this the meeting was open for free discussion.

Then followed the morning platform meeting which came about an hour before luncheon. This was a formal gathering where various subjects were presented. As an example, one day a very interesting account of the immigration problem was given by Mrs. Bennet and at another time a talk on India by Mr. T. Campbell White. In the evening came another meeting which corresponded closely to this, except that it was even more important. At these meetings we listened to such speakers as Robert Speer and Rev. Floyd Tompkins, who gave very inspiring and practical addresses.

The last meeting of the day was small in comparison to these large assemblies, but it was very significant for each one of us. It was our own delegation meeting, very informal, usually led by one of our own officers or by some one of the secretaries. We enjoyed being thus united at the close of the day. We usually gathered in a quiet corner on the Forest Inn veranda to talk over those things which seemed to bring special individual help. Before these informal gatherings broke up and we parted for the night, all united in a few moments of prayer.

ROMA S. NICKERSON, 1907.

The Classes at Silver Bay.

Fresh from our academic work at college, we entered upon a new and different course of study in the Bible and Mission Study classes at Silver Bay. Immediately after breakfast, at 8.30, A.M., came the Mission Study Classes. Miss Draper conducted a class on "Comparative Religions," Miss Day one on "Africa," and Mrs. Bennet on "Home Missions." These classes gave one a comprehensive idea of the different foreign and home fields and the characteristics of the religion of the peoples to whom our missionaries go. For the girls who expected to teach Mission Study classes this year, these classes proved invaluable, as they gave us an idea how to go about the work in a systematic way, besides helping greatly to gain material for the work.

Directly after the Mission Study classes, at 9.15 A.M., came the Bible Study classes. Miss McCook, whom many of us heard in Wellesley last year, conducted a class on the "Life of Christ;" Dr. White conducted one on "Old Testament Characters;" Dr. Jan Vier one on "The Teachings of Christ," and Professor Strong one on "The Acts and Epistles." Most of our girls, I believe, attended Miss McCook's class, which certainly was an inspiration. The class first met in South Hall, but that soon proved insufficient to hold those who joined, and a large tent was put up. This used to be filled to overflowing, and many had to sit outside on the grass. The wonderful personality of Miss McCook and her great enthusiasm in her beautiful study were a great inspiration, and one that made a great lasting influence upon our lives.

MARY ZABRISKIE, 1909.

The Social Life at Silver Bay.

The festivities at Silver Bay include three distinct kinds of entertainments. First and foremost stands the well-known College Day; then the events leading up to, and taking place on Field Day. Last, but not least, is the intercourse between the various delegations, brought about through informal afternoon teas, all-day trips on the lake in tug-boats, and tramps to Sunrise Hill, planned generally by the Recreation Committee. That reminds me that it would be well to say something more of this Recreation Committee, since to them fell the task of planning of the play-time of the conference. This group was composed of twenty girls, two appointed from each of the larger colleges, Bryn Mawr, Wellesley, etc., and one from the smaller colleges to complete the score. Under the leadership of Miss Louise Brooks, who every year holds this office, the girls meet each morning at 7.45 for half an hour to map out the day's sports. This meeting opened and closed with a short prayer for even in the fun of the conference the thought of spiritual benefit was not forgotten. It was the duty of twelve girls of this committee to usher at the church service in the morning and evening, and to be responsible for a short meeting of prayer, held for all by the Recreation Committee at 2.30 every afternoon.

The greatest fun of all was planning for Field Day and College Day. If the weather was clement and the day's program not too full, every afternoon was spent practicing tennis or basket-ball. Ambition rose to such a height that, though all knew that Wellesley would surely win the boat race, Bryn Mawr, Smith and Vassar entered several crews of professed skill and valor. Though an attempt was made to play base-ball, basket-ball and tennis proved of most interest. I regret to say that Smith was well on the way to championship in both sports, thanks to the presence of an almost complete varsity basket-ball team, and their tennis champion. On the last Saturday which had been announced for Field Day and the final sports, bad weather prevented Smith from absolutely establishing her record, and Wellesley may still claim a share in the laurels. Though in many cases the college teams included members from other institutions, owing to the scarcity of their own players, the enthusiasm and sociability was no less marked, and the little groups of girls hurriedly composing songs and cheers to suit the occasion looked natural enough to Wellesley girls, and betokened genuine enjoyment. Please do not think that because the weather cheated us out of a Field Day that we sat and folded our hands and mourned. No indeed! The Silver Bay delegates, one and all, indulged in a circus. A real country circus, held in a tent, with a sawdust floor and a table for a stage. By this time the girls had become well enough acquainted with each other, or at least so familiar with the faces of girls from the various delegations, that any shyness had worn away. So many and so different were the "stunts", that one longed for, rather than shrank from, an invitation to step upon the table to assume for a few minutes the volubility of Mr. Roosevelt in the act of making an address; or an unknown opera singer with many French manners; or Paderewski about to make an impression upon piano and audience alike; or a hippopotamus, or some sort of a beast to fill M. Russians Italianos' managerie of trained animals. Each new actor was introduced with harmonious strains from an impromptu band of ladies playing on combs with tissue-paper over them. Even the leaders of the conference condescended to become actors upon the kitchen-stage.

On the other hand, it the circus was a demonstration of the success of unprepared fun, the sight of the girls on College Day showed the result of much well-managed and clever planning. There was not so much of the ludicrous in this, although it was by no means a solemn occasion, but there was great beauty of color, and much careful arrangement to produce the best effect. Each college endeavored to plan some display that would be most characteristic of it, and the result was decidedly satisfactory. Wellesley, of course, stands high in the eyes of all oars-women, and so we picked two full eight-oared crews, with their coxswains,—of course no oars were used, but these were trained crews, that perhaps needed no oars to show their skill. When our turn on the program arrived and Miss Brooks came forward and called through her megaphone, "Wellesley," our noble band of sixty stepped into the arena, formed on the grass by a circle of delegations. At a command from the coxswain, the crews took their places in line, at a second command they took their seats; then at a third order they rowed vigorously, while the rest of us remained standing as spectators of the race, singing the song composed for the day:

"Eight strong
We come along
Ready to row," etc.

To add to the significance of the plan, the whole delegation wore white skirts and sailor blouses with Wellesley W's pinned to the sleeves. Some of the delegations came as schoolmarms and pupils, reciting jokes as part of their lessons. The girls from Western Reserve were dressed as In-

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It is natural for the editors of the NEWS, in seeking helpers, to go to the upper class girls of whose ability and willingness to work they are fairly certain. In this way, the same girls are asked over and over again to write reports of the various events at college. Since those girls are almost all either Juniors or Seniors whose capabilities are already well-known, we have little opportunity for discovering the competent students in the two lower classes.

The Board of Editors of COLLEGE NEWS is elected each spring from the Sophomore Class. Condidates for the offices are nominated by the out-going board. In nominating girls for these positions, the out-going board has little to go by, except the advice of the English Department. A student's instructor in English can give pretty accurate information in regard to a student's ability to write, but beyond that it is not always easy to find out whether a student has the other qualities necessary for work of this sort.

The only sure way of discovering the girls best fitted for positions on the NEWS Board, is to look at work that they have done in this line. Since Freshmen naturally, scarcely ever volunteer their services, and since the editors seldom know these girls and their ability well enough to feel sure that their work would be helpful, there is almost no basis to work upon in selecting candidates for NEWS offices.

For these reasons, we have decided to try a new scheme this year. All girls in the Freshmen and Sophomore classes who are interested in the work of the NEWS and are willing to help us, are asked to send in their names and addresses to the Editor. Assignments of work will then be given, as regularly as possible, to all students who thus indicate their desire to help.

A large part of the work will probably consist in the writing of reports of different college functions. In general we shall plan to have two or three girls hand in reports of each event so that we may choose the best from them.

The work assigned in this way will be the accounts of the smaller and less important college happenings. Reports of the big events and dramatic criticisms, which require maturer judgment and a knowledge of college life gained only by experience, will still be written by the most capable upper class girls we can get.

We know that this plan will help us by giving us more people upon whom we may call for help. We feel confident, also, that the work will prove interesting to any who are willing to undertake it.

It will always be necessary to reject all but one of the reports of a meeting which are handed in. There are, of course, several chances that yours will be one of those that we cannot use. We beg you to realize that one trial is not enough, and ask you not to be discouraged if, after much painstaking effort, your account is rejected. In work of this sort it will be well to keep in mind the old saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 and 18, 4-5.30, P.M., Miss Pendleton's reception to the new students in the Faculty Parlor.

Thursday, October 18, at 7.30, P.M., regular mid-week prayer meeting of the Christian Association.

Sunday, October 21, at 11, A.M., services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by President Hyde of Bowdoin College.

7, P.M., vespers with address by a representative of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Monday, October 22, at 7.30, P.M., lecture in College Hall Chapel by Mr. Ernest F. Henderson, Instructor in History, 1895-1898. Subject, "The Palace of Versailles in the Time of Louis XIV."

COLLEGE NOTES.

As a result of the election held Tuesday, October 9, the Senior officers are as follows:—

Vice-President.....Marie Warren
Recording Secretary,.....Constance Irwin
Corresponding Secretary.....Caroline Gilbert
Treasurer.....Marion Studley
Executive Board, Mary MacDougall, Dorothy Story, Helen Goddard.
Advisory Board.....Vera Loomis, Mary Maxwell
Factotums.....Helen Hutchins, Grace Kimball

Dean Pendleton met the new students in College Hall Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, October 9.

Miss Helen Cummings, 1908, has been chosen assistant chorister of the choir for 1906-1907.

On Thursday afternoon, October 11, the Class of 1908 elected the following officers:

President.....Genevieve Pfeiffer
Vice-President.....Sue Barrow
Recording Secretary.....Betty Andrews
Corresponding Secretary.....Mae Batchelor
Treasurer.....Sadie Soffel
Executive Board, Helen Curtis, Helen Eustis, Katharine Scott
Advisory Board.....Grace Allen, Betty More
Factotums.....Sue Ashley, Lucy Tatum

The regular mid-week prayer meeting of the Christian Association was held Thursday evening, October 11. Miss Ruth French, the leader, chose the Lordship of Jesus Christ for the subject of the evening. Her text, taken from Mark x: 17-23, was the story of the rich man who wished to inherit eternal life. The meeting was well attended and many girls contributed to the meeting. Everyone is invited to take part in these meetings and it is hoped that more girls will respond.

The following House Presidents have been elected for 1906-1907:

College Hall, Marjorie Dietz, 1907.
Stone Hall, Eunice Lathrope, 1907.
Norumbega, Marion Bruner, 1907.
Freeman, Martha Grunewald, 1908.
Wood, Katharine Proctor, 1907.
Wilder, Helen Knowles, 1907.
Cazenove, Hester Frost, 1907.
Pomeroy, Anna B. Fox.
Simpson, Edith Scammon, 1907.
Fiske, Olive Phramer, 1907.
Eliot, Mary B. May, 1907.
Noanett, Jean Pinney, 1907.
Webb, Alice Roberts, 1907.
Village, Olive Smith, 1907, (ex-officio).

On Friday, October 12, the following officers of the College Settlement Association were elected:—

1907 Vice-President, Caroline Carter.
1908 Vice-President, Roma Love.
1909 Vice-President, Mary McNab.
1910 Vice-President, Miriam Loder.
Secretary and Treasurer, Harriet Robertson, 1908.
Faculty Member, Miss Howard.

The Class of 1907 held a prayer meeting in the Agora House on Sunday evening, October 14. A report of the Silver Bay Conference was given by the Class delegates. Miss Roma Nickerson led the meeting.

The Freshman Class held its second prayer meeting at the close of the vesper service on Sunday evening, October 14, in Billings Hall. The subject was "Some Habits Worth Forming —What are they and how may they be Cultivated?"

On Thursday evening, October 18, Miss Amy E. Swanbio-Cameron will address the Christian Association at its regular meeting in College Hall Chapel. Miss Swanbio-Cameron speaks under the auspices of the Somerset Y. Everyone is urged to be present and give to Miss Swanbio-Cameron a warm welcome.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

The Wellesley Inn entertained the Class of 1910 on Saturday evening, October 13 and on Tuesday evening, October 16.

The Cross Country Club met at the East Lodge, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, October 15, for a walk to Pegan Hill.

Already many distinguished guests have been entertained at the Whitin Observatory House. Professor, Mrs. Todd and Miss Todd of Amherst Observatory were the first guests. Professor and Mrs. Eresshed, well-known astronomers from England on their way to take charge of a government observatory in southern India, were visitors last week. They were accompanied by their hostess Mrs. W. H. Pickering, and also by Mrs. Fleming, Miss Cannon (Wellesley '84) and Miss Leavitt of the Harvard Observatory Corps.

AN INVITATION FROM THE LIBRARY.

The dean of a certain small but important New England college is wont to say that a man goes through more college in a large college, but that more college goes through the man in a small college, and one may well question whether a similar claim might not be made for the small library. However that may be, it is certain that not a few persons find the machinery of a large library somewhat formidable.

With the advent of a large number of new students at the opening of the college year, one of the problems that confront the librarians is how to acquaint these newcomers with some of the more important matters of library arrangement and usages. For a number of years it was the custom for the college librarian to give a lecture on "How to Use the Library," but experience has brought a deepening conviction that the best part of this subject lies within the realm of the unteachable things, and that the way to use a library is to use it.

Our library is classified according to a method now widely used in this country, known as the Decimal system, and there is the usual card catalogue by authors, titles, and subjects. But there is no absolutely simple method by which a large collection of books can be kept in a classified arrangement, and in order to give whatever assistance may be needed, there is always an attendant in the General Library who will explain the principles of the catalogue and the scheme of classification. For the coming week this attendant will be especially at the disposal of new students and it is hoped that all will avail themselves of this opportunity to take a first lesson in the art of using the library. CAROLINE F. PIERCE, Librarian.

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SILVER BAY.

dians, indicative of their home. The Canadian College girls were royal in red, white and blue bunting gowns, and a great canopy of the same colors, which they carried over the leader of their delegation, singing "God Save the King." The American colleges, with one accord, rose to their feet and answered with "America," which sent a thrill of patriotism through the heart of every one present. The Bryn Mawr girls showed their college color in yellow hats and sashes; Vassar in gray and pink, carried tennis rackets and other athletic symbols. Smith, Mt. Holyoke and Barnard were dressed simply in their college colors. Adelphi College was most resplendent in orange and brown, carrying great parasols of those colors which they twirled fantastically in the air.

The whole afternoon was devoted to this display, and the girls separated only to have their pictures taken. While the painful process of photographing each delegation was going on, the dreary time of waiting there was lightened by serenading between the delegations. At last College Day was over! The memory will long be with us who saw it. It was an afternoon of well deserved pleasure, after the days of earnest and sincere devotion to the first aims of the conference.

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I.

The introduction into the Sunday morning chapel service of the custom of taking an offering gives rise to the discussion naturally attendant upon any departure from Wellesley tradition. As this breaking of precedent was proposed by officers of the Christian Association, it may not be amiss to give at the outset their chief reasons in favor of adopting such a custom.

Perhaps only those who have been stewards of the missionary funds of the Association can appreciate the difficulties of gathering in the money pledged. Partly because the box placed in the chapel vestibule is easily overlooked or forgotten, the Missionary Committee has the work of reminding many people of their promises, a task conceded to be harassing to all concerned. It is believed that when the act of giving becomes a part of the service, and the box in the vestibule is changed for the plate passed in the chapel, everyone will find it easier to remember to bring her offering.

A more important reason for this innovation in our service is the fact that it is a long-established custom of the church which we all observe before we come to college and after we leave. To lay aside a good habit for four years is to invite moths and rust. On coming to college, many girls for the first time have allowances of money; what better time, then, could there be for fostering by this way of the offering that sense of stewardship in the use of money which vitalizes all true benevolence?

The chief reason of all is that to make the offering a part of the service is to put the act of giving in its true place as an act of worship. Money is too often looked upon as a thing apart from religion instead of as one of the most potent means of service. May it not help us to keep the higher point of view if each Sunday a free-will offering reverently given forms a part of the morning service of worship? PAULINE SAGE.

II.

Was there anyone at the Barn, at the opening reception, who was not disgusted with the way the girls rushed for ices, and for their coats when leaving? It is shameful that selfishness so dominates us,—I might call it thoughtlessness—that we cannot wait for refreshments to be properly served. It is difficult enough to serve a large crowd from the regular tables, but when we overflow the inner room, it is practically impossible.

Aside from this, however, the eagerness to reach our coats, that we might get out of the Barn before anyone else, was a great cause of complaint. Actually, one girl had a handsome bertha torn by the shoving, while another had her dress almost entirely unfastened. There are other instances of a similar nature. When we go to the Barn, let us not turn into a pushing, inconsiderate mob, but let us remember that others have the same rights as we, and act accordingly!

S. B., 1908.

III.

Since the Barnswallow reception on Saturday evening, general conversation has been highly flavored with expressions of disgust. The absence of the letters on the wall caused great confusion, and the weary Freshmen were dragged aimlessly about in search of a constantly disappearing partner. Lack of organization was apparent; but the discomfort of the evening was due not alone to poor management, but to the merciless crowding of the girls. The crowd of girls around the refreshment table appeared more like hungry street urchins than college students, while the crowding, pushing, and hauling at the door were dangerous in the extreme. Fortunately no one fainted—a fact which, indeed, speaks well for the physical endurance of us all!

No one can deny the unpleasantness and danger of the "First Barnswallows;" and this should not be so. If the Sophomore Prom—which is the combination of two classes—is given in two parts, why should not the first Barnswallows' meeting—a representation of the college at large,—be similarly divided? Can't we make a plea for this,—besides a universal attempt to stop the inconsiderate and dangerous crowding at the Barn?

1909.

IV.

In days gone by, I have been fascinated by my father's account of a stampede which took place at Brighton many years ago. Upon returning to college this year I have had the singular pleasure (?) of witnessing two or three times a somewhat similar performance—a crowd of two or three hundred pushing, panting, uproarious, infuriated animals, tumbling out of the Barn in an indiscriminate mass. They are animals surely—classified under those lacking common sense. A policeman at the door once remarked, "No man would be foolish enough to risk his life in such a crowd as this." Now, dear reader, if you are one of these who frequent the Barn, will you kindly remember that to go slowly is to go surely and that a little common sense saves all pushing and jamming—in fact, saves our reputation.

V.

Just a few words in appreciation of the new heading for the COLLEGE NEWS, adopted by the present editors. Unless a design can be especially fine, simple, original and appropriate—a thing which it is difficult to do, judging from the number of those submitted—it seems to me that the lettering is much more effective. The present heading is, I think, both suitable and dignified.

ROMA S. NICKERSON.

VI.

In passing by the English Bulletin Board on the fourth floor I chanced to see a newspaper clipping that should be of general interest to Wellesley girls. It was a summary of the welcoming address to the Freshmen made by President Thomas of Bryn Mawr, in which there was a strong sentiment against hazing. President Thomas appealed to the honor of the girls and forcibly pointed out that hazing, in its present form, is far from the spirit in which Bryn Mawr was founded. Here at Wellesley, I am glad to say, hazing has already been condemned for the year. That it was done voluntarily is indeed a fact of which we may well be proud.

DEBATING CLUB.

The first meeting of the debating club for this year was held in Room 235, Wednesday, October 10, at 7.30 P.M. The officers for 1906-'07 were elected as follows:

President.....Dorothy Pope, 1908
Vice-president.....Marion Savage, 1909
Secretary-Treasurer.....Florence Ely, 1908
Corresponding Secretary.....Marguerite Hallam, 1908

Plans for the coming year were discussed, and it was decided to have the regular monthly meetings take the form of informal debates on current events and on topics of especial interest to college girls. At least one open meeting is to be held in the middle of the year, at which there shall be a representation of a Board of Arbitration, which shall debate upon some question of the day or some matter of general interest. A final inter-class debate between the two classes winning preliminary (senior-sophomores) and (junior-freshmen) debates is planned for the final open meeting in June. The club is open to all members of the college, and we need the help and support of everyone. There is no reason why Vassar and Smith should have flourishing debating clubs, and Wellesley have one supported by the interest of a few students. If we are ever to have another Vassar-Welesley debate we must have many more enthusiastic members of the club. It will take little time, and, if we all co-operate, it will bring to all of us a great and new interest. 1910 and 1909 are especially urged to give their support to the club, and to help to make this year a very successful one.

MARGARET ERWIN, 1908.

THEATER NOTES.

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MUSIC NOTES.

On Sunday evening, October 14, 1906, special vespers were held at the Memorial Chapel. After the usual introductory service the following numbers were rendered:

Service Anthem: "Now Abideth Faith, Hope and Love," H. R. Shelley

Organ: Largo from Symphony in G.....Haydn
First Movement from Unfinished Symphony, Schubert
Air from Suite in D.....J. S. Bach

Prayers (with Choral Responses).

The Symphony programme in anticipation of the concert, Saturday, October 20, will be given on Wednesday afternoon, October 17, at 4.20, in Billings Hall.

Following is the concert programme:

Suite for Flute and Strings.....J. S. Bach
Symphony in G Major (B. & H. No. 13).....Haydn
Concerto for Violin, No. 9.....Spohr
Solo—Mr. Hess.
Jupiter Symphony.....Mozart

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The first course will be eight lectures on "Mars as the Abode of Life," by Percival Lowell, non-resident Professor of Astronomy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 P.M., beginning Monday, October 15, 1906. Tickets for the lectures may be obtained free by applying by Mail to the Curator of the Lowell Institute, and enclosing one stamped addressed envelope for each ticket desired.

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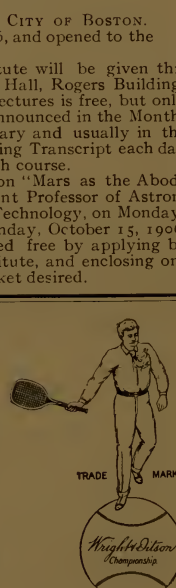

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THE CONSUMER'S LEAGUE.

The following article, quoted from the **Boston Transcript** of Wednesday, October 10th, should be of interest here at Wellesley:

"The Consumers' League of Massachusetts again calls the attention of its friends to the stock of clothing, carried by the Boston stores, which is endorsed by the League and bears its label.

"This stock seems large, considering the few years in which the League has been at work, but it will grow larger and more varied in exact proportion to the persistency of the demand you make for labelled goods. The Consumers' League label is the only guarantee that the goods which you buy are not made illegally, or inhumanely—in sweat-shops or by young children.

"Our old friends, the Shepard-Norwell Co., have, as usual, a large stock of underwear for women. B. Sommer & Co. are a somewhat newer firm and therefore somewhat newer in friendship with the League, but their stock of labelled goods in the lines which are carried on by the firm (women's muslin underwear) cannot be excelled. The Gilchrist Co., however, will be found equally satisfactory by those of our friends who prefer to buy there. And L. Starr & Co. will supply their customers in large variety. Houghton & Dutton have a fair selection. Hunt Brothers, W. & A. Bacon, Timothy Smith and E. M. Beeh keep the Roxbury district well supplied with labelled goods. The same is true of Murphy Bros. for the South Boston district. C. F. Hovey & Co. carry, as usual, a good variety of their "own make" bearing the label, while the Jordan, Marsh Co., R. H. White Co., Brine Co., and Butler & Co., are perhaps not yet fully provided with winter stock. The supply of labelled goods seems less full than at some other seasons. Byron E. Bailey & Co. have a very good stock in some lines. Filene Sons have perhaps the best supply of children's underwear, also a good stock of nurse's uniforms and housemaid's dresses. Miss Pettee makes a specialty of these last named garments, for nurses and housemaids, and as they are made for classes of women who know the meaning of hard work these should appreciate the opportunity given to help working women of other kinds by buying labelled goods. The J. A. Houston Co. also carry these goods. T. D. Whitney & Co., carry the "Rubdry" towel, which bears our label. R. H. Stearns, The Henry Siegel Co., Allen & Co., and George Chandler have hose-supporters. Conrad & Co. carry black and colored petticoats, silk as well as other sorts, and these may be found with the label in most of the above mentioned stores. Jamaica Plain residents will find many of the labelled goods they want with E. W. Clark & Co., and South Boston people may ask of Falvey Bros. Co. But when you ask —anywhere—do not be content with a substitute.

"Get the Consumers' League label or nothing."

Extracts from a Letter from "Aunt" Dinah Pace.

"I never saw such weather before. We don't have one fair day in a week. I felt last week that if things did not change in some way we might expect starvation. Provisions and everything else are dearer than ever. We can't earn any money as it rains almost every day and the cotton is wet and dropping from the balls. We picked one day last week until dinner time and were wet almost to our waists. This is Friday and we haven't earned a cent this week. The children are in the field now but it is very wet."

"The rain has also hindered our brick work. We have one hundred thousand set up in the kiln to burn, but the continual rains won't let us set the fire. We had to ditch all around the kiln to keep it from crumbling. Each day, when the boys come in, I am afraid that they will say that the kiln has fallen in."

"I did not think that I could build this fall but had hoped to cover the house that we are in and build another chimney with the money received from the sale of the bricks, but now they are not ready on account of the weather. I could easily sell all the bricks we could make if the rain did not prevent us from baking them."

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"I haven't written to you (Mrs. Newman) nor to Miss Kendrick before because I hoped, when I did write, that I could tell you that we had sold a kiln of bricks. The wind does not seem to blow in our favor."

"The health in the home has been good all of the past year. The conduct of the children has been entirely satisfactory. I wish that my friends could see the children at work, at their studies and in our weekly meeting.

"We all send love to you very humbly." DINAH W. PACE.

ART MUSEUM LECTURES.

An unusual opportunity for members of the College is offered by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, to attend lectures on Decorative Art. These lectures, extending from November to April, will be by such authorities as Mr. C. Howard Walker, Mr. H. V. Lanchester of London, and Mr. Edwin H. Blashfield. The lectures cover the historic ornament of periods from Egyptian civilization to our own colonial times, and are especially valuable to students of history, literature and art.

Some of the subjects are the Italian, French and English Gothic, the Renaissance in various countries, the art of the periods of Louis XIV, XV, and XVI, and of the Empire, as well as Municipal Art, the Decoration of the City, and others.

The complete list of the lectures is posted in College Hall. Tickets may be bought singly, or for the whole course, as indicated on the posted announcement.

ALUMNÆ NOTES.

This column will contain items concerning Alumnæ, former students, and past and present members of the Faculty. Other items will occasionally be added which are thought to be of especial interest to the readers of the Alumnæ Notes.

The Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ will hold its first meeting on November third at Wellesley College under the direction of the Home Economics Committee. Announcement will be made of the award of the "Mary Lowell Stone Prize" for the best essay on "Fullest Efficiency." Miss Olive Davis, 1886, will open a discussion on "Some Problems of College Living."

The Association of Collegiate Alumnæ holds its annual meeting at Chicago, November 8, 9 and 10. Miss Ethel Puffer, of the Department of Philosophy, will take part in a discussion of special problems and methods of research and Mrs. Alice Upton Pearmain, 1883, and Miss Mary W. Capen, 1898, as chairman of two of the committees of the Association, will give reports. Miss Marion Talbot and Miss S. P. Breckenridge, 1888, will receive the members of the Association on one afternoon of the meeting.

Mrs. Asa Brann Darling, 1883, has bought the Detroit Seminary and reopens it this autumn.

On the day preceding the wedding of Miss Helen Foss, 1894, to Dr. George Bacon Wood, a supper was given in honor of the bride and groom by Miss Harriet Manning Blake, 1894, at her home, Bradford, Pennsylvania. There was a complete reunion of the students living at Waban Cottage, 1893-94, and there were also present Mr. Edwin M. Hartman, husband of Mrs. Helen Stahr Hartman, and Mr. William H. Sayre, Jr., husband of Mrs. Elisabeth Bartholomew Sayre.

Maud Emilie McClary, 1899, is acting as assistant in the Latin Department.

At the recent wedding of Miss Caroline J. Rogers, 1903, to Mr. James R. Woodworth, the maid of honor was Miss Ann Darby, 1904, and the bridesmaids were Miss Florence Van Wagenen, 1903, Miss Ruth Crosby, Miss Bessie Champney, 1905, and Miss Alice Hadden, 1907. Miss Mary Follett, 1904, Miss Ida Ellison, and Miss Flora Humphrey, 1905, were among the guests.

Miss Elva Dix, 1901, Miss Mary V. Little, 1903, and Miss Lydia M. Smedley, 1902, are teaching in Memphis, Tennessee.

Miss Edith Kingsbury, 1905, is studying at the Normal School of Gymnastics, Boston.

Miss Isabel C. Brown, 1905, is teaching at Brimfield Academy, Brimfield, Massachusetts.

Miss Annette H. Smedley, 1906, is doing graduate work in Latin at the University of Chicago.

Notice has been received of the following new addresses:—

Mrs. Alice Reed Dresser, 1893, 9 Gorham street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Roberta Montgomery McKinney, 1897, Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Agnes Garland, 1904-1906, to Mr. Ralph P. Parsons of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

MARRIAGES.

Catheron—Millett. At Beverly, Massachusetts, September 24, 1606, Miss Alice L. Millett, 1900, to Mr. Allison Graham Catheron, Harvard Law School, 1905. At home after January 1 at 84 Farragut Road, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Woodworth—Rogers. At Chagrin Falls, Ohio, October 2, 1906, Miss Caroline J. Rogers, 1903, to Mr. James R. Woodworth. At home after November 1 at 1114 Scott Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

DEATHS.

At Ogden, Utah, September 25, 1906, Lincoln-Greene Wenner, brother of Miss Blanche Wenner, 1905.

OUR NEW DEGREE.

Since it has been the good fortune of Wellesley College to win a foreign honorary degree, or decoration, the LL.D. of the University of Paris, recently conferred upon Associate Professor Colin, it may be of interest to its members to know just how such an honorary distinction originated.

Two orders of merit were founded by Napoleon I, the one, the Légion d'Honneur in 1802, the other, the Palmes Académiques in 1808.

The usual title of admission to the Légion d'Honneur is the discharge of functions, either civil or military, with distinction, and, in times of war, the performance of an action of valor.

The gradations are "chevalier, officier, commandeur, grand officier and grand croix."

A member must serve several years as chevalier before becoming an "officier," and the same progressively throughout the ranks. Admission takes place once, and, frequently, twice a year, a specific number of decorations being allotted to each department of public service, the military, the judicial and the administrative.

The other order, the Palmes Académiques, are conferred by the Minister of Public Instruction as a recompense for distinction in science, literature and the arts. Eminent professional men, artists, and authors of discoveries of public utility constitute the members of this order.

This order, equal as a reward to that of the Legion of Honor and second only in point of time, was founded when the complex, all-pervading centralized body, styled "Université de France" was constituted by the fusion into one of its several universities. This body has its seat in Paris and for its head the Cabinet Minister of Public Instruction, Fine Arts and Worship.

The gradations in this are the Honorable Mention, awarded after the age of twenty-five and after five years' service; the medals, silver and bronze awarded in turn to academic instructors for especial merit. On y to holders of two years' standing, of a silver medal, can the Palmes Académiques be given. These are the marks of especial distinction in university teaching or research.

To obtain the "Palmes d'Officier d'Académie," a somewhat lengthened period of efficient service is requisite, and for those of 'Officier de l'Instruction Publique,' a title which has superseded that of "Officier d'Université," the holding, for at least a period of five years, of the lower rank, or, that of "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur."

Titular members receive a diploma signed by the Minister of Public Instruction, and bearing the seal of the Ministere. The insignia is likewise conferred upon the recipient of this University honor and much in the same manner as the decoration of the Cross by the Chancellor of the Legion of Honor. Awards are made thrice yearly—on the first of January, fourteenth of July and at the annual meeting of learned societies in Paris, also, occasionally at the discretion of the minister. This is the highest university honor.

The title involves life membership, with the prerogatives and privileges of an "universitaire" in the University body.

The insignia is in the shape of an oval crown formed by the twining, above and below, of a palm leaf and a branch of laurel, as in the ancient seal of the Unversity of Paris, founded in 1215. This crown is made of silver for the "Officiers d'Académie" and of gold for the "Officiers de l'Instruction Publique."

It is worn fastened by a violet moiré ribbon, to which the higher rank adds a rosette of similar color and width of ribbon.